



SELECTING A SCHOOL & MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY

Many educational institutions claim to be military friendly. Do not let this be the only or primary factor in deciding which school to attend. It's best to compare 2 to 3 different schools who offer the degree in which you wish to pursue and evaluate which school best meets your expectations and needs.

What Really Makes the Differences in Each School

- Cost of Attendance
- Quality of the Program
- What programs are available to help fund your goal based on the school and/or program?
- Does the school award college credit for any AP classes in High School and apply them towards your specific degree plan?
- What college credit is the school willing to award based on your specific degree plan and Joint Services Transcript?
- Is the school applying any previously completed credit to your specific degree plan?
- Will the school allow you to take CLEP (College Level Examination Program) exams, allowing you to test out of any courses?
- What is the maximum amount of credits the school can accept based on the above questions?

The Starting Line

Do you know what your end goal is?

- **Yes**
 - Perform an online search to identify the entry level requirements into the field.
 - Talk with someone working in the field. Ask if any additional education and/or training would assist for entry into the field or provide a competitive advantage for career progression.
- **Not Currently**
 - Consider pursuing an Associate's Degree in General Studies, or if attending a NC Community College, the transfer program. This allows you to complete general degree requirements while exposing you to multiple fields.

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